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LIZ IN THE AFTERNOON

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EXITING the elegant Maison
Blanche near the White House, I ran
into Victor Lasky, who offered what I
consider to be an item of items. Victor
said he has pals in the CIA who tell
him that Fidel Castro has gone into a
Howard Hughes phase. He spends
hours every day screening American
movies. And his all-time favorite? Why,
John Wayne, of course.

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